

HOUSE BILL 2665

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,  
relative to creating a veteran's honor medal  
program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

58-3-112.

(a) The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall establish and manage a veteran's honor medal program in order to recognize and honor all Tennessee veterans. The commissioner shall design or shall commission a design of a medal for this program. A gold star shall be affixed and awarded to the next of kin of armed forces personnel killed in action. A silver star shall be affixed and awarded to armed forces personnel wounded in action.

(b) The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall have the authority to form an advisory committee consisting of the governor or the governor's designee, the speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker's designee, the speaker of the senate or the speaker's designee, the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee, the commissioner of veterans' affairs or the commissioner's designee, and two (2) veterans to be selected by the commissioner of veterans' affairs. The advisory committee shall assist the commissioner in the design of the honor medal and accompanying certificates.

(c) The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4,

chapter 5, to determine eligibility for award of the honor medal based upon military records, such as a DD-214 discharge paper or a DD-201 service record.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.